

## NEW YORK'S STUPENDOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

More Than \$300,000,000 to Be Expended in Transfer and Transit Facilities and to Beautify the City.

Magnitude of the Work Unparalleled in the History of the World—Pennsylvania Road to Spend \$50,000,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—In the history of the world never have such stupendous plans for public improvement been undertaken as have been definitely projected or are already in various stages of completion in New York city.

In sixteen great projects for the improvement of transit and traffic facilities alone the vast sum of \$200,000,000 is to be spent, and this does not represent by many millions the total outlay which is being made or is about to be made for this purpose.

In all the tremendous scheme of transit improvement which is eventually to bind the boroughs together the Pennsylvania tunnel is the central point. Indeed, many of the lesser plans are wholly dependent upon this enormous work, which of itself exceeds in magnitude any single public improvement ever before dreamed of.

**Pennsylvania Railway Tunnel.**  
This tunnel will open the way directly from the heart of the city in the center of Manhattan to Queens, Long Island, New England, and the North on one side, and to New Jersey, the South and West on the other. It will be about five miles long.

Crossing it at right angles, the Rapid Transit subway will connect the Bronx and the upper end of Manhattan with the Battery and Brooklyn. The intersection of these two great systems will be the hub of the city.

Another great movement will be the extension of Riverside Drive from the Manhattan viaduct to the Boulevard Lafayette, plans for which have just been finished. It will make the finest drive in the world.

This has been the great dream of the people of this city, and especially of the West Side, for many years, and it is fully expected that the necessary appropriation will be made to complete this work. The plans provide not only for a continuous driveway along the Hudson River, but also for viaducts, terraces, bridges and a beautiful public park, with innumerable artistic features.

With this improvement completed an opportunity will be afforded pedestrians, drivers and riders—either of horses or of bicycles—for a continuous trip from Seventy-second Street to Two Hundredth Street, a distance of nearly seven miles, on the river front, with the natural scenery and attractions as well as the artificial ones to be constructed.

**Riverside Drive.**  
Riverside Drive, which, by common usage of the term, includes the beautiful park which slopes westerly to the river, begins at Seventy-second Street and

### IMPROVEMENTS IN NEW YORK AND THEIR COST

Pennsylvania Railroad tunnel, from New Jersey to Long Island, with a giant terminal in the heart of Manhattan.....	\$50,000,000
Pennsylvania Railroad belt line around Brooklyn, with a bridge to the Bronx, and immense docks at Bay Ridge and Greenville, N. J.....	20,000,000
Rapid Transit subway.....	46,500,000
New York Central terminal.....	20,000,000
Three new East River bridges.....	52,000,000
Other transit improvements.....	34,500,000
Extension of Riverside Drive.....	5,500,000
Construction of the Grand Boulevard.....	4,000,000
Building of the new Croton dam.....	6,000,000
Construction of the Jerome Park reservoir.....	6,000,000
Extension of the dock system.....	20,000,000
Building of sixty-five Carnegie libraries.....	5,000,000
Completion of the New York Public Library.....	4,500,000
Construction of new Hall of Records.....	6,250,000
Building of the new custom house.....	4,750,000
For site and building of new postoffice.....	2,500,000
For new small parks.....	5,000,000
For bridges over Harlem and Bronx.....	4,500,000
For sites and buildings for new schools.....	10,000,000
Total for transit improvements.....	220,000,000
Total for other improvements.....	84,000,000
Grand total.....	304,000,000

stretches its unrivaled route, in sight of the majestic Hudson, until it reaches and then circles the great white tomb of Grant and the historic Claremont mansion.

To all intents and purposes Riverside Drive stops at Claremont. The fine Manhattan viaduct, it is true, carries the pleasure seeker further by a quarter of a mile, but only to take him through a conventional city street, away from the beautiful river, to the traffic of upper Broadway.

Except to the privileged few, the Boulevard Lafayette is as much unknown as the East Side of lower Manhattan, and yet the drive from One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Street to the heights of Inwood is without a parallel. Wooded slopes, precipitous in many places, tower up 100 feet on one side, and on the other the land just as precipitously slopes to the water.

As far as the eye can see, through breaks in the foliage, the Hudson flashes in the sunlight, and wets the feet of the Palisades. This is the Riverside Drive park excellence, but, owing to its inaccessibility, is visited by few except residents of Washington Heights.

## SENATOR HALE OPPOSED TO RAPID NAVAL GROWTH

Says Venezuelan Situation Is No Reason For Hurry.

Mr. Hale of Maine, chairman of the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs, in whose hands is the fate of a greater navy, sees nothing in the Venezuelan situation to cause a flutter of excitement, and sees no reason for rapidly increasing the fighting strength of the United States at sea.

Senator Hale does not go as far as Senator Platt against liberal appropriations for new ships, but his view is distinctly against going forward more rapidly than in the past.

In discussing an increase in the navy yesterday Senator Hale said:

"I see nothing whatever in the Venezuelan incident to cause excitement in the matter of increasing the navy. This question of building up a navy is one in which I am much interested and to which I have given long and earnest consideration. It cannot be done in a day. It cannot be done in a year. Congress should not be impressed with popular clamor growing out of temporary excitement.

"The navy will be increased each year, but I am not prepared to say that Congress should authorize ships rashly, or go beyond what may be called a moderate growth. For a period of more than thirty years following the civil war the people of the United States had a horror of everything pertaining to the military. There was no demand for ships, and there was no emergency to create excitement. The situation would have been the same after the Spanish-American war, had it not been prolonged.

"Instead of taking the view that a tremendous navy is a guarantee of peace, I am inclined to the opposite belief. It is a temptation to war.

"We need a good navy. We do not need the best navy in the world. Our position of isolation in the Western Hemisphere is different from that of any other great nation in the world. Take, for instance, Germany and England, surrounded as they are by old time enemies and with other nations of Europe looking with envy upon their possessions in all parts of the world. It is not the part of good business for the United States to build a navy equal to the necessities of these two countries.

"I shall always work for a moderate increase in the naval strength of the United States. I think, however, the large battleships of 16,000 tons are not so practical as ships of smaller tonnage and greater speed. I know there is a diversity of opinion among naval officers on this question, but it seems to me that experience has taught us that smaller battleships and armored cruisers are much more serviceable in time of war than those of larger tonnage. We can build three Oregons for what it will cost to construct the Connecticut, already authorized."

## GENERAL SWAYNE LAID TO REST IN ARLINGTON

Military Funeral for Veteran of the Civil War.

Funeral services over the remains of Gen. Wager Swayne, one of the heroes of the civil war, who died in New York Thursday, took place from St. John's P. E. Church, at 9:30 o'clock this morning.

At the conclusion of the services the remains were escorted to Arlington Cemetery, by a large detachment of troops composed of a battery of artillery from Fort Myer and a battalion of engineers from Washington Barracks. The escort was in charge of Col. E. L. Huggins, Second Cavalry.

The honorary pallbearers were Justice Harlan, Judge William Maury, of the Spanish Claims Commission; ex-Senator Thurston, of Nebraska; General Gillespie, Chief of Engineers; General Davis, Judge Advocate General, and General Breckinridge, Inspector General.

The funeral services were held in St. Bartholomew's Church, in New York yesterday, but it was decided to hold service in this city so the friends of the deceased general might pay their final tribute to him.

## MISS WILLARD'S PORTRAIT FORMALLY PRESENTED

Two First-Grade Students at Blake School Unveil Picture—Elaborate Exercises.

A life-size portrait of Frances E. Willard, the organizer of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was presented to the Blake School, North Capitol and K Streets, this afternoon, by the North Capitol branch of the W. C. T. U. The exercises took place in the main corridor of the school house. Besides the speakers of the occasion, 400 children, pupils of Blake School, participated in the presentation.

The program of the exercises was as follows: Address by the presiding officer, flag salute and pledge by the pupils, unveiling of the portrait by two of the first-grade children, presentation address, Mrs. Don F. Blaine, acceptance, Miss Roach, principal of the school, and an address by the Rev. Dr. Joseph Muir, of Temple Baptist Church. The exercises closed with the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," by the pupils, led by Mrs. Grace Sweet.

**Pinehurst Sleeper, Also Parlor Car on Seaboard Air Line's**

Through Florida trains. Tourist tickets permitting stop over on sale at ticket office, 1421 Pennsylvania Avenue, W. E. Conklin, General Agent.

## NEGRO SEEKS TO BE CHAPLAIN OF SENATE

Tennessee Editor Coming to the Capital in Interest of Candidacy.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Editor William McGill, colored, of the "Hot Shots," a weekly newspaper published here and at Birmingham, for the negroes, left this city last night for Washington, in the interests of his candidacy for chaplain of the Senate of the Fifty-eighth Congress, for which he made application a few days ago.

McGill is one of the leading negroes of this section and probably ranks next to Booker Washington. He has been one of the leaders against the "Lily White" movement.

He believes that, inasmuch as President Roosevelt has shown that he favors recognition of the negroes, he can secure the influence of the Administration for this appointment. He is understood to have strong backing.

## HUMBERTS PROMISE TO ASTONISH PARIS

Threaten Revelations in Regard to Gigantic Swindle.

MADRID, Dec. 22.—The French consul here visited the Humberts in jail this morning. The prisoners asked that the newspapers be sent to them. The request was granted, and the prisoners read them with great avidity.

Mme. Humbert, in an interview, said they were honorable people. As to financial affairs, she would say nothing until they arrived in Paris. She declared that they had intended all the time to give themselves up to the authorities as soon as the formalities of the prosecution had been arranged.

The idea of appearing in a court of law did not frighten them, she said, as they were sure to be acquitted. Their case had been prejudiced by private vengeance and political passions. What they desired was to have light thrown on the case as quickly as possible.

Frederic Humbert and Romain D'Aurignac declare they will make revelations which will astonish Paris.

## AWAITS EXTRADITION OF HUMBERTS AT FRONTIER

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Police Inspector Henillon has gone to the Spanish frontier to await the handing over there of the Humberts by the Madrid authorities.

The Madrid correspondent of the "Figaro" sends an interview which he had with Romain D'Aurignac in prison here. D'Aurignac stated the family was in excellent health and was grateful for the treatment received. He was astonished at the arrest of Parayre, the former steward, who was absolutely innocent, he said, of any wrongdoing. Romain said the stories about the family were grossly exaggerated. He continued:

"We have never handled so many millions as has been said. Our transactions were perfectly legal. The bankruptcy which followed and the present action were due solely to the vengeance of the banker Cattani, who lent my sister 200,000 francs at a rate of interest so high that the sum due amounted to 300,000 francs.

"Even when this sum was paid we still owed Cattani 300,000 francs, which he demanded immediately. My sister asked for delay, but her request was met with threats of legal proceedings, and the campaign against us commenced forthwith in the press and courts, which were in the pay of Cattani."

In conclusion D'Aurignac remarked: "The French government knew perfectly well that we were in Madrid. We wrote many letters to Paris without acknowledgment. Our arrest meets the needs of the political combinations of the hour."

Mme. Humbert complained that she had been robbed of the whole of her daughter's fortune. She added: "I want to return to Paris in order to unmask at any cost the real criminals. Those who have insulted us shall pay dearly for their infamy."

"The securities we gave Mme. Muglia constituted our entire fortune. We shall offer it to our creditors."

The "Patrie" expresses the opinion that M. Patenotre, the late ambassador to Paris, caused the arrest of the Humberts in order to embarrass M. Delcasse, the minister of foreign affairs, who recalled him somewhat abruptly. The Humberts will leave Madrid for Paris tomorrow.

## GERMAN CROWN PRINCE ANGERS LIBERAL PRESS

Told to Go Back to School and Keep Out of Politics—His Anti-Socialistic Speech.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Crown Prince Frederick William is the object of attacks by the Liberal and Socialist press.

The crown prince, speaking to laborers at Gels recently, referred to the Socialists as a miserable element. The newspapers are advising his highness to remain a student and to keep out of politics until he has reached years of maturity.

## ALDERMEN PLACED ON LABOR BLACKLIST

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The members of the Central Labor Union are still very angry at the German men who voted for the passage of the Pennsylvania franchise law, and who never forgave them.

One of the names of the aldermen who voted against the law, so that they would be remembered and their names would be placed on the blacklist of labor organizations.

Through Suburban Sleeping Car Sleeper

Washington to Cleveland, Via Baltimore and New York, leaves Washington 8:45 a. m.

## FLORODORA BEAUTY GIVEN HER FREEDOM

Marie Wilson Granted an Absolute Divorce.

Marie Wilson is no longer bound by matrimonial ties, and may now spend her money in her characteristic lavish way. An interlocutory decree of absolute divorce was granted her from her husband, R. Henry Wimsatt, in New York, on Saturday, by Judge McLean.

Washington people are familiar with the history of Marie Wilson. It has been dishied up by the press in varying forms for several years. As a member of the "Florodora sextet," she was spoken of as a Washington girl. When she made an acquaintance with a successful Wall Street operator, which enabled her to make a modest fortune of \$750,000, she was called a lucky Washington girl. When in her numerous separations from her husband, and controversies over their child, she was given a local address, because the sensational character of the news story made it worth while.

A Washington Girl.

So when Marie Wilson obtains a divorce from her husband, R. Henry Wimsatt, naturally she is called a Washington girl, and, in fact, is more so now than ever before, for she has built near the Chain Bridge, close to the District line, a home suitable to the wealth she possesses. She is living quietly, now that her separation has taken place, with her father as her only companion.

Mr. Wimsatt could not be seen yesterday, but a friend of his who had mentioned the subject of the divorce to him reports that the husband would not discuss the question even with his boon companions.

Marie Wilson's father was for many years a grocer at the corner of Thirtieth and M Streets northwest, but sold his place of business after the death of his wife a year ago. He is now employed at the store, though it is said that his daughter has urged him to give up the work. The former actress is now twenty-four years old. When she was sixteen she eloped with and married the man from whom she has just been divorced.

Three years ago, while they were temporarily living apart, the husband, who was employed in the Government Printing Office in this city, took their child, then two years old, to New York, and placed it in the keeping of friends at the Parker House. His wife followed, and upon learning the location of the room where the child was kept visited the room, picked up the sleeping baby and reached the main corridor of the hotel before she was overtaken. There a fight followed for the possession of the infant. As usual in such instances, sympathy was with the mother and she won. Later the child was accidentally burned to death in this city, but that was after the husband and wife were again reconciled.

In "Florodora" Sextet.

Marie Wilson's stage career began through private theatricals in Washington. Her beauty of face and form attracted a New York manager, and it was not long before she accepted an offer of a minor part in "The Belle of New York." Beauty rather than genius won for her a place in the "Florodora sextet."

Capital was made out of her Wall Street success, and a local society paper used a story, which though interesting to read, was not appreciated by her husband or her brother. Together they went to the office of the paper, the husband to demand a retraction. While they were discussing the affair with the editor the brother gave force to his remarks by a generous use of his muscles. The result was that the editor remained in doors a few days, and the relatives of the actress forfeited collateral in police court.

Miss Wilson affects automobiles, jewelry, and sometimes horses. She attracts attention wherever she goes. She likes stage life, and says that sometime she may go back to it. Few friends are received at her home, though she has been known to entertain lavishly in New York.

## DIED.

SEFTON.—On Saturday, December 20, 1902, at 10 p. m., WILLIAM M. SEFTON, son, beloved husband of Sarah C. Sefton, aged sixty-nine years.

Funeral Wednesday, December 24, at 1 o'clock from his late residence, 1837 Fourteenth Street northwest. Relatives and friends respectfully invited.

PENDERGRASS.—Departed this life Sunday, December 21, 1902, at 10:30 a. m., JOHN H. PENDERGRASS, the beloved husband of Mary H. Pendergrass.

Gone, but not forgotten.

By Mrs. ADA HAWKINS. His remains are to be sent to Charleston, S. C., to rest with family.

(South Carolina papers please copy.)

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## CONGRESS MAY ASK AN EXPLANATION

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son why it should be established, came up, and he was informed that he could expect nothing more in the matter of rural free delivery routes.

Instances of this sort, where these demands have been made, are common, and usually the member of Congress has found that in order to get his deserts he is obliged to do the bidding of the Postoffice Department trust. Another incident is pointed out to show the manner in which affairs are conducted in the department, and which are carefully kept from the knowledge of the Postmaster General.

A young woman who had been in the service for a year as a clerk desired an opportunity of paying a visit to Indianapolis. She was made an inspector and sent out to make an inquiry into the conduct in office of a man who had held his position for five years, and against whom there had never been complaint.

## MUCH-DECORATED SOUTH AFRICAN WARRIOR HERE

Henry McGee, Winner of King's, Queen's, and Colonial Medals, Arrives on St. Louis.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—On board the American Line steamer, St. Louis, which arrived this morning from Southampton and Cherbourg, was Henry McGee, who has seen much service in the late South African war. He served in Lord Strathcona's contingent, and later in the South African colonial constabulary, and has won the King's, Queen's, and colonial medals for gallantry in war.

Other passengers were F. C. Bartlett, Mme. Bauvlet, J. T. Coolidge, Jr., Countess Spottiswood Macdon, Alfred Parsons, A. R. A., and Baronne B. D'Evelstein.

## CHRISTMAS TREE FAMINE IN BUFFALO

Prices Advance to Nearly Double Those Paid Last Year.

BUFFALO, Dec. 22.—What amounts virtually to a Christmas tree famine prevails in Buffalo, according to reports by local trades people. For some reason, not explained, few trees are being sent to the Buffalo market. In consequence in the past few days the prices of the trees now on sale have been advanced exactly 100 per cent over the prices that prevailed at this time last year.

## OCEAN STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Arrived: St. Louis, from Southampton; Madiana, from Barbados.



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When before her food is spread;  
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## Sensible Christmas Presents.

**Rubber Boots**  
To Fit from Child to Man

**Boys' Storm Boots**  
The Kind That Buckle Above the Knee.  
Sizes 6 to 10.....\$1.89  
Sizes 11 to 2.....\$2.25  
Sizes 2 1/3 to 5 1/2.....\$2.80

**Children's and Misses' RUBBER BOOTS**  
Sizes 6 to 10 1/2.....98c  
Sizes 11 1/2 to 2.....\$1.19  
Ladies' 11 1/2 to 8.....\$1.69

**Men's Rubber Boots**  
Best Rubber.....\$3.00  
Best Duck.....\$3.50  
Best Rip.....\$4.50

**Men's, Boys', and Youths' Felt, in alligator or mottled or colored House Slippers.....47c**

**Men's, Boys', and Youths' Vici Kid Hand-made, Kid-lined House Slippers.....98c**

**Men's Hand-made Box Calf or Enamel Shoes; broad extension \$2.19**

**Men's Warranted Patent Leather Shoes; Blucher or regular \$2.89**

**Men's and Women's Warm-lined Lace Shoes, with leather soles; just the thing for motomen and market women. Prices from \$1 to \$2**

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**Men's Bath Slippers.....17c**

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## FURTHER IMPROVEMENT IN VANDERBILT'S CONDITION

Physicians Now More Hopeful That He Will Recover—Temperature Falling.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A still further improvement was reported in the condition of Cornelius Vanderbilt this morning. His physicians appeared to be more hopeful that he will recover than they have been for the past week. Although no bulletin was issued, it was said that the patient's temperature had been falling gradually.

## ABNER M'KINLEY AT HEAD OF BIG COAL ENTERPRISE

Ten Thousand Acres of Land in Pennsylvania Purchased by Company.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 22.—Abner McKinley, brother of the late President, is at the head of a company just formed for the purchase of 10,000 acres of coal land near Stoyestown, Somerset county, Pa. The land is just over the Maryland line, and underlain with a continuation of the Maryland Big Vein seam. Engineers have gone over the tract and preparations have been begun for active development in the spring.